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April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 950 million pounds of milk during April, up 1.6 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 74.5 pounds, up 0.8 pounds from April 2018. The dairy herd was estimated at 425,000 head for April, up 2,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.3 percent from April 2018. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 66.5 pounds for April, up 0.6 pounds from April 2018. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,996 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2018. This is the highest production per cow for the month of April since the 23 State series began in 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.71 million head, 55,000 head less than April 2018, and 1,000 head less than March 2019.

Milk Production - Michigan and 23 Major States: April 2017-2019

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Cows1,000 Hd	426	423	425	8,730	8,760	8,705
Daily rate per cowPounds	74.2	73.7	74.5	65.8	65.9	66.5
ProductionMil lbs	948	935	950	17,220	17,318	17,375